

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Department of Transportation Appropriations Bill.

The House passed H.R. 4578, Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations 2001.

The House passed S. 2722, to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to Ed W. Freeman, for conspicuous acts of gallantry during the Vietnam War, James K. Okubo, for conspicuous acts of gallantry during World War II, and Andrew J. Smith, conspicuous acts of gallantry during the Civil War—clearing the measure for the President.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5165–S5280

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2732–2746, and S. Con. Res. 123. **Pages S5240–41**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 11, for the relief of Wei Jingsheng.

S. 150, to the relief of Marina Khalina and her son, Albert Mifakhov.

S. 451, for the relief of Saeed Rezai.

S. 1078, for the relief of Mrs. Elizabeth Eka Bassey and her children, Emmanuel O. Paul Bassey, Jacob Paul Bassey, and Mary Idongesit Paul Bassey, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1513, for the relief of Jacqueline Salinas and her children Gabriela Salinas, Alejandro Salinas, and Omar Salinas.

S. 2019, for the relief of Malia Miller. **Page S5240**

Measures Passed:

Transportation Appropriations: By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 132), Senate passed H.R. 4475, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Shelby (for McCain) Amendment No. 3441, to require a cap on the total amount of Federal funds invested in Boston's "Big Dig" project. **Pages S5182–84**

Lautenberg (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 3443, to express the sense of the Senate that Congress and the President should immediately take steps to address the growing safety hazard associated with the

lack of adequate parking space for trucks along Interstate highways. **Pages S5182–84**

Lautenberg (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 3445, to provide for a study on noise impacts of railroad operations, including idling train engines on the quality of life of nearby communities, the quality of the environment (including consideration of air pollution), and safety. **Pages S5182–84**

Shelby (for Domenici) Modified Amendment No. 3432, to make grants to carry out the Small Community Air Service Development Pilot program.

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Lautenberg (for Reed) Modified Amendment No. 3436, to provide \$10,000,000 for the costs associated with construction of a third track on the Northeast Corridor between Davisville and Central Falls, Rhode Island. **Pages S5184–86**

Lautenberg (for Kohl) Modified Amendment No. 3438, to state the sense of the Senate regarding funding for Coast Guard acquisitions and for Coast Guard operations during fiscal year 2001.

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Lautenberg (for Dodd) Modified Amendment No. 3447, to provide that new starts funding shall be available for a project to re-electrify the rail line between Danbury, Connecticut and Norwalk, Connecticut. **Pages S5184–86**

Shelby (for Cochran) Amendment No. 3451, to make available funds previously appropriated for the Star Landing Road project in DeSoto County, Mississippi. **Pages S5184–86**

Lautenberg (for Baucus/Burns) Amendment No. 3452, to provide that the non-Federal share of project number 1646 in section 1602 of Public Law No. 105–178, may be funded by Federal funds from an agency or agencies not part of the Department of Transportation. **Pages S5184–86**

Shelby (for Nickles) Amendment No. 3453, to provide for the conveyance of airport property to an institution of higher education in Oklahoma.

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Shelby (for McCain) Amendment No. 3440, to condition the use by the FAA Airport Office of non-safety related funds on the FAA's completion of its investigation in Docket No. 13–95–05.

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By 95 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 131), Allard Amendment No. 3430, making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, for reduction of the public debt.

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Shelby Amendment No. 3454, designating the New Jersey Transit commuter rail station to be located at the intersection of the Main/Bergen line and the Northeast Corridor line in the State of New Jersey shall be known and designated as the "Frank R. Lautenberg Transfer Station".

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Withdrawn:

Collins (for Collins/Schumer) Amendment No. 3439, to express the sense of the Senate that the Strategic Petroleum Reserve should be used to address high crude oil and gasoline prices.

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Wyden Amendment No. 3433, to require the Inspector General of the Department of Transportation to review certain airline customer service practices and to make recommendations for reform.

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During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 46 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 130), Senate failed to uphold the defense of germaneness with regard to Voinovich Amendment No. 3434, to provide increased flexibility in use of highway funding, therefore, the amendment was ruled as not germane, and thus fell.

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Senate agreed to a modified motion to instruct conferees on the part of the Senate to accept section 318 of the bill as passed by the House of Representatives, but to authorize the Department of Transportation, pursuant to a study by the National Academy of Sciences, in conjunction with the DOT, to recommend, but not to promulgate without approval by a Joint Resolution of Congress, appropriate corporate average fuel efficiency standards.

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Senate insisted on its amendment, and requested a conference with the House thereon.

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Subsequently, following adoption of the modified motion to instruct the conferees (listed above), the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Shelby, Domenici, Specter, Bond, Gorton, Bennett, Campbell, Stevens, Lautenberg, Byrd, Mikulski, Reid, Kohl, Murray, and Inouye.

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U.S. Army 225th Birthday Recognition: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.J. Res. 101, recognizing the

225th birthday of the United States Army, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Measure Indefinitely Postponed:

Transportation Appropriations: S. 2720, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001.

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Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act—Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report of S. 761, to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report, with a vote to occur thereon, on Friday, June 16, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.

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Appointment:

Federal Judicial Center Foundation: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 100–702, appointed Richard D. Casey, of South Dakota, to the board of the Federal Judicial Center Foundation.

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Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nominations of Laura Taylor Swain, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Beverly B. Martin, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, and Jay A. Garcia-Gregory, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, on Friday, June 16, 2000.

Defense Authorization—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of S. 2549, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Monday, June 19, 2000, at 3 p.m., and Tuesday, June 20, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.

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Foreign Operations Appropriations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of S. 2522, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, on Tuesday, June 20, 2000.

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Messages From the House:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authority for Committees: Page S5279
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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today.
 (Total—132) Pages S5173, S5189, S5197

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 7:55 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, June 16, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5280.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2487, to authorize appropriations for Fiscal Year 2001 for certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2438, to provide for enhanced safety, public awareness, and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1510, to revise the laws of the United States appertaining to United States cruise vessels, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1534, to reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1687, to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to authorize appropriations for the Federal Trade Commission, with amendments;

S. 2440, to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve airport security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2412, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003;

S. 893, to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide equitable treatment with respect to State and local income taxes for certain individuals who perform duties on vessels; and

The nominations of J. Randolph Babbitt, of Virginia, Robert W. Baker, of Texas, Edward M. Bolen, of Maryland, Geoffrey T. Crowley, of Wisconsin, Robert A. Davis, of Washington, and Kendall W. Wilson, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council, Department of Transportation; Delmond J.H. Won, of Hawaii, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner; and a nomination list for promotion in the United States Coast Guard.

FOREIGN OIL SOURCES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on certain provisions of S. 2557, to protect the energy security of the United States and decrease America's dependency on foreign oil sources to 50 percent by the Year 2010 by enhancing the use of renewable energy resources, conserving energy resources, improving energy efficiencies, and increasing domestic energy supplies, mitigating the effect of increases in energy prices on the American consumer, including the poor and the elderly, after receiving testimony from Senator Jeffords; former Senator Johnston, J. Bennett Johnston and Associates, Washington D.C.; Ernest J. Moniz, Under Secretary of Energy for Science, Energy and Environment; Richard L. Lawson, National Mining Association, Steven E. Plotkin, Center for Transportation Research, Argonne National Laboratory, and Jaime Steve, American Wind Energy Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Jerry Jordan, Jordan Energy, Inc., Columbus, Ohio, on behalf of the Independent Petroleum Association of America and the National Stripper Well Association; and Paul Vermeylen, Meenan Oil Co., Syosset, New York, on behalf of the Independent Fuel Terminal Operators Association.

CONCESSIONS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded oversight hearings to examine a General Accounting Office report on the problems which plague the Concessions Management Program of the National Park Service, after receiving testimony from Barry T. Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Maureen Finnerty, Associate Director, Park Operations and Education, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and Philip H. Voorhees, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the National Parks Conservation Association.

HEAVY-DUTY DIESEL EMISSION RULE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety concluded hearings to examine Environmental Protection Agency emission standards for heavy duty trucks and buses and the accompanying low sulfur requirement for diesel fuel, after receiving testimony from Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; J. Louis Frank, Marathon Ashland Petroleum, Findlay, Ohio; Jerry Thompson, Citgo Petroleum Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on behalf of the National Petrochemical and Refiners Association; Robert J. Looney, Cenax Harvest States Cooperative, on behalf of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, David S. Addington, American Trucking Associations, Inc., and Bruce Bertelsen, Manufacturers of Emission